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National Operations Update

As of 8:30 a.m., 12 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

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MAIN POINTS

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- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstrations

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

Current RFAs:

Jurisdiction	RFA	Status
Alberta	Support (Convoy) – For provision of equipment and personnel to move approximately 70 semi-tractor trailers and approximately 75 personal and recreational vehicles.	Letter to Min PS and Min EP. received on 5 Feb
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For additional 1800 officers to support the ongoing protest in downtown Ottawa: 1000 regular officers, 600 public order officers, 100 investigative officers, 100 civilian staff – including cyber investigative capacity, digital and social media forensics and financial forensics.	Letter from Mayor, Ottawa to Min PS and Min EP received on 7 Feb.
Ontario	Support (Convoy) – For provision of support in the form of personnel (100 officers) and equipment (marked police cars and tow trucks) to deal with the protest at the Ambassador Bridge.	Letter from Mayor, Windsor, to Min Blair received 9 Feb.

Impacts:

- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 10 Feb, with protesters converging the downtown core:
 - On 11 Feb, the Premier of Ontario declared a State of Emergency.
 - On 6 Feb, the City of Ottawa declared a State of Local Emergency.
 - On 7 Feb, an Ottawa judge granted a 10-day injunction that would prevent protesters from honking their horn.
 - On 11 Feb, City of Ottawa asked the Ontario Superior Court for an injunction against people who continue to violate city bylaws, effective at 7pm (i.e., against noise,

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idling, fireworks, open air fires, encroachments on highways and illegal use of parks and city facilities).

- A high police presence remains on site. Ottawa Police Service hotline has been set up to report crimes; to date Police have made 25 arrests, issued 1700 tickets and initiated 126 criminal investigations. 911 lines have been flood intentionally by protesters and supporters.
- A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 14 Feb.
- Other protests were held / are being planned across Canada, in solidary with those in Ottawa:
 - ONTARIO
 - Toronto:
 - In response to social media posts suggesting possible demonstrations, Toronto Police Service have closed streets around Queen’s Park.
 - NOTAM is in effect for airspace restrictions until 13 Feb.
 - Fort Erie (POE):
 - A lone protester was seen on 10 Feb;
 - Demonstrations are planned at the Peace Bridge on 12 Feb, with potential impact to the Fort Erie-Buffalo crossing;
 - 2 American convoys will travel to support Canadian demonstrators who drive to the U.S. side.
 - Sarnia (POE):
 - Blue Water Crossing remained open on 10 Feb; heavy commercial traffic continues, but with a 2 hours wait time (Canada-bound).
 - On 9 Feb, TC received a call from VIA Rail on potential blockade of tracks; CN continues to monitor its rail network.
 - Windsor (POE):
 - On 11 Feb, the Ontario Superior Court granted an injunction to remove protesters blocking traffic on the Ambassador Bridge.
 - The Ambassador Bridge remains closed.
 - QUEBEC
 - Montreal:
 - Demonstration planned for 12 Feb at Jarry Park; City is preparing for protest and march
 - MANITOBA
 - Winnipeg:
 - Small number of demonstrators at the MB Legislative Building on 10 Feb; the event remained peaceful; Winnipeg is exploring an injunction against the protest.
 - Demonstrations at Polo Park are planned for 12 Feb.
 - Emerson, MB (POE)
 - On 11 Feb, RCMP reported a blockade at the border due to a demonstration involving a large number of vehicles and farm equipment; no traffic north southbound.
 - No arrests or tickets have been issued.
 - SASKATCHEWAN
 - Regway (POE)
 - First border protest is expected on 12 Feb afternoon.

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- ALBERTA
 - Coutts, AB (POE):
 - North and Southbound lanes remained closed on 11 Feb.
 - CBSA confirm the blockade north of Coutts, near Milk River, AB, continues; protestors refusing to move from Coutts have been issued tickets by the RCMP.
 - Traffic is being diverted to Carway, Aiden and Del Bonita POEs.
 - NOTAM in effect for airspace restrictions has been extended to 16 Feb.
- BRITISH COLUMBIA
 - Surrey, BC (POE):
 - On 11 Feb, a demonstration continued near Pacific Highway POE; the event remained peaceful with no operational impact to commercial traffic.
- NOVA SCOTIA
 - Halifax
 - On 11 Feb, Halifax Police advised they are aware of convoys from across the province on Saturday; authorities have stated that provisions in the provincial *Emergency Measures Act* will be enforced, as necessary.
- NEW BRUNSWICK
 - Fredericton
 - Social media reports a planned demonstration in the downtown core and provincial legislature on 11 – 13 Feb.
- NORTHWEST TERRITORIES
 - NWT Government reports rumours of a potential blockage at the border; cooperating with RCMP and in communication with Province of AB.
- As of 8 Feb, Convoy organizers have raised more than \$8.2 US on a Christian fundraising service, GiveSendGo. Supporters are also turning to cryptocurrency websites to raise money;
 - On 10 Feb, the Ontario Superior Court of Justice froze access of funds raised through fundraising platforms.

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